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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS ON PRESIDENT FORD'S VICTORY,  
REPUBLICAN CHINA-PLANK

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1. HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO, IN ITS FIRST COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENT FORD'S VICTORY AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS FACING "REAL" CHALLENGER CARTER. THE AUGUST 20 COMMENTARY CLAIMED THAT THE WIN OVER REAGAN WAS ARDUOUS AND THAT IT WAS RARE FOR AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT TO UNDERGO SUCH A STRUGGLE FOR THE NOMINATION. IT NOTED THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE PREDICTING AN EVEN TOUGHER TIME FOR FORD AGAINST CARTER IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

2. TURNING TO THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM, THE COMMENTARY NOTED IT SHOWED MUCH OF REAGAN'S INFLUENCE AND WAS NOT NECESSARILY BINDING ONCE THE ELECTION WAS OVER. AFTER RELATING THE PLATFORM'S PLANKS, ON NATIONAL DEFENSE, EUROPE, RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, IT CRITICIZED THE  
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PARTY'S "TWO-CHINA" POLICY. THE COMMENTARY CLAIMED THAT THIS

POSITION WAS OBVIOUSLY CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, AND THAT THE SMALL HANDFUL ADVOCATING THIS POLICY WERE ON A ROAD LEADING NOWHERE. IN A PREVIOUS COMMENT, THE PRC-CONTROLLED HSIN WAN PAO AUGUST 19 STATED THAT WHILE SOME PEOPLE WERE FREE TO EMBRACE THEIR CHIANG CLIQUE ALLIES, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD NOT LET SUCH PEOPLE TO ENJOY THIS LUXURY FOREVER. EARLIER, A JULY 26 HSIN WAN PAO COMMENTARY INDICATED DISPLEASURE WITH CARTER'S POSITION ON CHINA (REFTEL).  
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